

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Gregory E. Sancoff et al.  
Serial No.: 09/706, 472  
Filing Date: 11/03/00  
For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING  
SUTURE WIRES INTO TISSUE FOR THE  
APPROXIMATION AND TENSIONING OF TISSUE  
Group Art Unit No.: 3731  
Attorney's Docket No.: ONUX-8

Assistant Commissioner For Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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PETITION FOR AUTOMATIC EXTENSION OF TIME TO RESPOND

Applicant hereby petitions for a one (1) month extension of time to respond to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION mailed January 19, 2001 with respect to the above-identified patent application, thereby extending the time for response from March 19, 2001 to April 19, 2001.

A check in the amount of \$55.00 is enclosed to cover the cost of the petition fee. This petition fee has been calculated on the basis of a Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this matter, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221. A duplicate copy of this Petition is enclosed for the convenience of the Office.

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FILING OF PATENT APPLICATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.10

The attached application is being filed under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.10.

Applicant's attorney is also submitting the requisite fee as calculated on the attached transmittal letter.

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Transmitted herewith for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: Gregory E. Sancoff et al.

For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR PLACING SUTURE WIRES INTO TISSUE FOR THE APPROXIMATION AND TENSIONING OF TISSUE.

Enclosed are:

- 9 sheets of drawings.  
 An assignment of the invention to: \_\_\_\_\_  
 A verified statement to establish small entity status.  
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The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

For:	No. Filed	No. Extra	Small Entity		Large Entity	
			Rate	Fee	Rate	Fee
Basic Fee				\$355.00		\$0.00
Total Claims	6 - 20	0	x \$ 9.00	0.00	x \$18.00	0.00
Ind. Claims	2 - 3	0	x \$40.00	0.00	x \$80.00	0.00
Mult. Claims			+ \$135.00		+ \$270.00	
			Total	\$355.00		

- Please charge my Deposit Account No. 16-0221 to cover the filing fee and assignment recording fee. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.
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  - The issue fee set in 37 CFR 1.18 at or before mailing of the Notice of Allowance, pursuant to 37 CFR 1.311(b).
  - Any filing fees under 37 CFR 1.16 for presentation of extra claims.

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RESPONSE TO OUTSTANDING NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF  
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In response to the outstanding NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS  
OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, Applicant hereby  
respectfully submits the following:

(1) a DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY document listing  
the names of each of the inventors, specifically identifying the  
application by serial number and filing date, and signed by the  
inventors, Gregory E. Sancoff and Frederic P. Field;

(2) a duplicate copy of the NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF APPLICATION - FILING DATE GRANTED, as requested in the Notice; and

(3) one (1) check in the amount of \$65.00 to cover the surcharge for the late filing of the Declaration, this charge having been calculated on the basis of Small Entity status.

In the event that any additional fees may be required to be paid in connection with this submission, please charge the same, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 16-0221.

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